

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING  
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 26 SEPTEMBER 1994

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1982-1-02 (ACCNO 1978) Status: (T) RELEASED  
Name: KIENTZLER, PHILLIP ALLEN Date Status assigned: 27 Mar 1973

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	
Service	NAVY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	
Grade	O4	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	
Serial No	671719	Height	71 in /1.80 mtrs	Weapon No	
Birth date	6 Apr 1940	Weight	180 lb / 81.5 kg	Duty pos	WSO
Home State	UTAH	Religion	\$	PW Camp	HANOI PW DETE

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1)

Site Type: CRASH SITE  
UTM: 48QYD345650  
Lat/Long: 165129N / 1071204E  
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM  
Military Region: 1  
Mission Province: QUANG TRI  
(formerly):  
Mission District: TRIEU HAI  
Mission Date: 27 Jan 1973  
Mission Category: 2  
Local Analysis: None.

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NORTH VIETNAM  
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===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Jan 90, Nov 89, Oct 89  
Investigations: Jan 89, Jan 93  
Surveys: Jan 89, Jan 93  
Excavations: Jan 93  
Vessey Case: NO

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: F4J	Serial: 0000155768
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: J79
Call Sign: TAPROOM 113	1 Serial:
Year: \$	2 Serial:

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

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===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1982-2-01 (ACCNO 1977) Status: (K) REMAINS RECOVERED  
Name: HALL, HARLEY HUBERT Date Status assigned: 6 Sep 1994

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	NAVY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	O5	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	RUDDY
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	630193	Height	71 in /1.80 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	23 Dec 1937	Weight	185 lb / 83.8 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	WASHINGTON	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	#

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

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LAST KNOWN LOCATION (2)

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Lat/Long: 165129N / 1071204E  
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM  
Military Region: 1  
Mission Province: QUANG TRI  
(formerly):  
Mission District: TRIEU HAI  
Mission Date: 27 Jan 1973  
Mission Category: 2  
Local Analysis: None.

48QYD315650  
165130N / 1071023E

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Near populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Dec 92, Jan 90, Nov 89, Oct 89  
Investigations: Jan 89, Jan 93  
Surveys: Jan 89, Jan 93  
Excavations: Jan 93  
Vessey Case: ONE

Case type: DISCREPANCY  
Survivability: (1) Out of the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: F4J	Serial: 0000155768
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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

19 June 1975

ON 27 JANUARY 1973, CDR HARLEY H. HALL AND LCDR PHILLIP A. KIENTZLER WERE THE CREW OF THE 3RD F4J (BUNO 155768) IN A FLIGHT ASSIGNED TO ATTACK NORTH VIETNAMESE SUPPLIES AND LOGISTIC VEHICLES 15 MILES NORTHWEST OF QUANG TRI, SOUTH VIETNAM, AN AREA CONTROLLED BY AN OV-10 FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER (FAC), COVEY 115. AT 1714 HOURS, CDR HALL AND LCDR KIENTZLER, (CALL SIGN TAPROOM 113), WERE TAKEN UNDER INTENSE 23MM, 37MM, AND 57MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY FIRE WHILE ATTACKING SEVERAL TRUCKS ON ROUTE 561.

AS THEY WERE COMPLETING THEIR DIVE ATTACK, CDR HALL TRANSMITTED "I'VE TAKEN A HIT," AND INDICATED HE WAS PROCEEDING "FEET WET" (ABOUT 14 MILES TO THE COASTLINE). THE LEAD AIRCRAFT, TAPROOM 114, CALLED "GET FEET WET". CDR HALL REPLIED, "WE'RE TRYING, TERRY, (LEAD PILOT), WE'RE TRYING". SLIGHTLY OVER A MINUTE LATER, TAPROOM 114 TRANSMITTED "YOU'RE ON FIRE". THE FIRE EXTENDED FROM THE TRAILING EDGE OF THE LEFT WING AFT ALONG THE FUSELAGE. WITHIN FIVE SECONDS THE AIRCRAFT BEGAN TO ROLL TO THE RIGHT, AND AFTER 60 TO 90 DEGREES OF ROLL BOTH CREWMEN EJECTED AT AN ALTITUDE OF ABOUT 4000 FEET.

THE EJECTIONS APPEARED TO BE SUCCESSFUL. THE AIRCRAFT CONTINUED TO ROLL AN ADDITIONAL 120 TO 150 DEGREES AND CRASHED AT 1720 HOURS IN A NEAR VERTICAL ATTITUDE AT GRID COORDINATE (GC) YD 345 650, SEVEN MILES NORTH OF QUANG TRI.

COVEY 115, AFTER HEARING CDR HALL'S TRANSMISSION THAT HE WAS HIT, IMMEDIATELY TRANSMITTED MAYDAY CALLS ON THE UHF GUARD FREQUENCY. AN OV-10 IN THE AREA AND ANOTHER FLIGHT OF F-4J AIRCRAFT ALSO SAW TAPROOM 113 AT THE TIME OF EJECTION. IMMEDIATELY AFTER EJECTION, TWO FULLY DEPLOYED PARACHUTES WERE OBSERVED DRIFTING WESTERLY FROM THE CRASH SITE. TAPROOM 114 PASSED WITHIN 1500 FEET OF BOTH PARACHUTES AND SAW THAT BOTH CREWMEN APPARENTLY WERE UNHURT. ONE OF THE CREWMEN WAS HEARD TO TRANSMIT, "THIS IS TAPROOM 113 BRAVO. HOW DO YOU READ" NO FURTHER VOICE CONTACT WAS ESTABLISHED.

THE CREWMEN LANDED ABOUT 100 FEET APART NEAR A VILLAGE ON AN ISLAND IN THE DAM CHO CHUA AND CUA VIET RIVERS. (THIS LOCATION IS AT GRID COORDINATES (GC) YD 315 650, A MILE AND A HALF WEST OF THE CRASH SITE.) THERE WERE MANY VIETNAMESE ARMED FORCES IN THE AREA, AND IT WAS BELIEVED THAT THE ENTIRE POPULATION WAS AWARE OF THE EVENTS OF THE CRASH. NUMEROUS AIRCRAFT MADE SEVERAL PASSES OVER THE AREA FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL HOURS BUT FAILED TO SEE EITHER OF THE DOWNED CREWMEN. SEVERAL EMERGENCY BEEPERS WERE HEARD INTERMITTENTLY THE REMAINDER OF THE AFTERNOON AND THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. HOWEVER, NO VOICE CONTACT WAS ESTABLISHED. (REF 1 & 2)

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

19 June 1975

A REPORT CORRELATED TO THE INCIDENT INVOLVING CDR HALL AND LCDR KIENTZLER DESCRIBED THE DOWNING OF AN F-4H AIRCRAFT AND THE CAPTURE OF THE CREW, ONE ALIVE AND ONE DEAD, ON 28 JANUARY 1973. LCDR KIENTZLER WAS CAPTURED AND LATER RELEASED. (REF 4)

DURING HIS DEBRIEF, LCDR KIENTZLER STATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW THE FATE OF CDR HALL, AND WHEN HE ASKED HIS CAPTORS ABOUT HIM, HE WAS TOLD BY AN NVA GUARD THAT CDR HALL WAS DEAD. (BOTH CREWMEN RECEIVED HEAVY GROUND FIRE WHILE DESCENDING IN THEIR PARACHUTES AND LCDR KIENTZLER WAS HIT IN THE LEFT LEG). (REF 3)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. CDR HALL IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ===

22 December 1987

SOURCE REPORTED THE SHOOTING DOWN OF AN AIRCRAFT AND THE SIGHTING OF A PARACHUTE IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YD 3166. THE PILOT WAS KILLED SHORTLY AFTER LANDING AND WAS BURIED NEARBY. THIS PROBABLY CORRELATES TO REFNO 1982-0-01. (REF 5)

13 November 1990

SOURCE PROVIDED HEARSAY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CRASH OF A U.S. AIRCRAFT IN 1972 AND THE CAPTURE OF ONE CREW MEMBER AND DEATH OF ANOTHER VICINITY YD3265. THE LOCATION AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS CORRELATE WELL WITH REFNO 1982 AND WITH INFORMATION IN COMMANDER KIENTZLER'S DEBRIEF. (REF 6)

6 June 1994

THREE WITNESSES PROVIDED EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF THE SHOOTING DOWN OF AN F-4 AIRCRAFT NEAR TRIEU PHUOC VILLAGE (YD3167), QUANG TRI PROVINCE, IN LATE JANUARY 1973. TWO OF THE WITNESSES SAW TWO PARACHUTES EJECT FROM THE AIRCRAFT. THE OTHER WITNESS SAW ONLY ONE PARACHUTE. ALL THREE WITNESSES SAID THAT ONE OF THE F-4 CREWMEMBERS WAS CAPTURED. THE CAPTURED CREWMEMBER WAS IDENTIFIED AS LIEUTENANT COMMANDER KIENTZLER. TWO OF THE WITNESSES

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HEARD THAT THE OTHER CREWMEMBER INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT HAD BEEN KILLED. THE WITNESSES REPORTED THAT SHORTLY AFTER THE F-4 WAS SHOT DOWN, AN OV-10 WAS SHOT DOWN IN THE SAME AREA. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE WITNESSES CONCERNING THE DATE, LOCATION, TYPE OF AIRCRAFT, AND THE NUMBER AND FATE OF CREWMEMBERS INVOLVED CORRELATES WELL WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ASSOCIATED WITH REFNO 1982. (REF 9)

=== REFERENCES ===

19 June 1975

REFERENCES: <1> MSG , CTG 77.5 270956Z JAN 73. <2> LTR , FIGHTER SQ 143, 31 JAN 73. <3> MSG , 13 THAF/JCRC/CLARK AB, 271800Z MAR 73. <4> RPT 12 JUN 74. <5> REFNO 87-489, 181248Z DEC 87. <6> 89-392, JCRC LIAISON BKK, 050912Z FEB 90. <7> JCRC LNO BKK TH 091024Z FEB 89/JCRC LNO BKK TH 171245Z FEB 89. <8> CJTFFA DET ONE, 220311Z JAN 93. <9> CDR JTF-FA/J2, 071102Z APR 94/CDR JTF-FA/J2 020742Z JUN 94. <10> CDR JTF-FA 100912Z FEB 94. <11> CDR JTF-FA 100902Z JUL 94. <12> CJMAO 071411Z SEP 94.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

15 June 1977

A NEGOTIATION FOLDER WAS PASSED TO STATE ON 13 MAY 1977 AND PROVIDED TO SRV DELEGATION ON 2 JUNE 1972.

8 December 1987

A CASE NARRATIVE PERTAINING TO HARLEY H. HALL WAS PASSED BY JCRC ON 4 AUG 87 TO THE SRV EMBASSY IN BANGKOK PURSUANT TO AGREEMENTS REACHED BETWEEN GENERAL VESSEY AND SRV FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO THACH.

7 December 1989

THE JCRC DISCUSSED THIS CASE WITH THE VNOSMP DURING THE 27 - 29 NOVEMBER 1989 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

DURING THE 29 - 30 OCT 89 MEETING IN HANOI, GEN VESSEY PASSED A NARRATIVE ON THIS CASE TO VIETNAMESE FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO THACH.

22 January 1990

CASE INFORMATION PASSED TO THE VNOSMP DURING THE 17-19 JAN 90 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

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=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

8 August 1990

A CASE INVESTIGATION SUMMARY WAS PASSED TO THE VNOSMP DURING THE 10-12 JUL 90 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

8 April 1991

DURING THE 19 - 23 MARCH 1991 TECHNICAL MEETING, THE U.S. TEAM PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE ITS ASSESSMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE JOINT INVESTIGATIONS ON CASE 1982.

18 December 1992

A CASE NARRATIVE ON CASE 1982 WAS PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE DURING THE 10-11 DECEMBER 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

19 June 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: HARLEY H. HALL 1982-2-01, PHILLIP A. KIENTZLER 1982-1-02, GEORGE W. MORRIS, JR. 1981-0-01 AND MARK A. PETERSON 1981-0-02.

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

5 August 1975

BURIAL SITE COORDINATES OF YD325659 FOR REFNO'S 1981-0-01, 1981-0-02 OR 1982-2-01 ENTERED BASED ON IR6-918-5878-74, USDAO SGN RVN, DTG 110832Z MAY 74 AND IR6-918-6655-74, USDAO SGN RVN, DTG 100833Z.

5 October 1975

INCIDENT LOCATION CHANGED FROM YD312666 TO YD345650 BASED ON NAVAL SPEEDLETTER, CO, FTR SQDN 143 DATED 31 JAN 73 AND IIR, FV5-33, 582, 12 JUN 74, SUBJ; DOWNING OF TWO U.S. CREWMEN AND JET AIRCRAFT FOR REFNO 1982201 ENTERED LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF YD315650 BASED ON SAME IIR.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

19 July 1991

ON 16 JAN 89 THE JOINT U.S./VIETNAMESE INVESTIGATION TEAM TRAVELED TO TRIEU PHUOC VILLAGE, TRIEU HAI DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE VIETNAM TO

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INVESTIGATE THE LOSS OF COMMANDER HALL. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED WITNESSES WHO SAID TWO U.S. CREWMEMBERS HAD EJECTED FROM A JET-TYPE AIRCRAFT DURING THE AFTERNOON HOURS ON 27 JANUARY 73. THE TWO PILOTS DESCENDED INTO RICE FIELDS BOUNDED BY LUONG KIM (YD327649), KOM CO (YD3165), AND CAO HY HAMLETS (YD319645). THEY SAID THAT ONE PILOT CALLED "PHILIP" WAS CAPTURED AND LATER RELEASED AND THE SECOND PILOT WAS DEAD WHEN HE LANDED. THIS PILOT WAS BURIED IN KOM CO HAMLET. WITNESSES SAID THAT THE REMAINS HAD BEEN RECOVERED FROM THE GRAVE BY UNSCRUPULOUS ELEMENTS. IT IS NOT CLEAR IF THE PILOTS PERSONAL EFFECTS WERE BURIED IN THE GRAVE WITH THE PILOT, BUT THE WITNESSES DO AGREE THAT THEY WERE TAKEN FROM THE PILOT AND PLACED IN A BAG AND THEN BURIED. THE WITNESS TESTIMONY IS CONSISTENT THAT THE PILOT WAS BURIED IN A FIGHTING TRENCH NEAR A CLUMP OF BAMBOO AND ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS SINCE THE WAR PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SEEN DIGGING FOR REMAINS IN THIS AREA. THE TIME, DATE, LOCATION, NUMBER AND BASIC DESCRIPTION OF THE CREWMENBERS INVOLVED, INCLUDING THE NAME "PHILIP", AS WELL AS OTHER INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE WITNESSES, CORRELATE WELL WITH THIS INCIDENT. (REF 7)

8 February 1993

DURING THE 21ST JFA, A JOINT TEAM CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION AND EXCAVATION OF AN ISOLATED BURIAL SITE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. NUMEROUS WITNESSES WERE INTERVIEWED AND PROVIDED BOTH FIRSTHAND AND HEARSAY TESTIMONY OF THE SHOOT DOWN OF AN F-4 AIRCRAFT IN JAN 73, THE SUCCESSFUL EJECTION OF BOTH PILOTS AND THE SUBSEQUENT DEATH OF ONE PILOT AND CAPTURE OF THE OTHER. THE TEAM CONDUCTED TWO SEPARATE EXCAVATIONS OF THE REPORTED BURIAL SITE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. FOLLOWING THE FIRST EXCAVATION, ONE WITNESS PROVIDED THE TEAM WITH THREE TEETH AND EIGHT SMALL UNIDENTIFIED BONE FRAGMENTS. THE TEAM'S ANTHROPOLOGIST INITIAL ANALYSIS OF THESE REMAINS DETERMINED THAT THEY ARE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH A U.S. SERVICEMAN. THE REMAINS WERE RETAINED BY CIL-HI FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS. (REF 8)

=== REPATRIATION ACTIONS OR STATUS CHANGES ===

14 September 1994

DURING THE U.S./SRV JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY (21ST JFA), A JOINT INVESTIGATION/ EXCAVATION OF A BURIAL SITE ASSOCIATED WITH REFNO 1982 WAS CONDUCTED. FOLLOWING THE EXCAVATION A WITNESS TURNED OVER HUMAN REMAINS ALLEGEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH REFNO 1982. ON 6 SEPTEMBER 1994, THE ARMED FORCES IDENTIFICATION REVIEW BOARD APPROVED THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE REMAINS AS CAPTAIN HARLEY H. HALL, REFNO 1982-2-01. (REF 12)

=== ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ===

5 August 1994

PAGE 10 LINE 21 OF "GROUP 559 RECORD OF AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN" PROBABLY

CASE: 1982

CORRELATES WITH THE REFNO 1982 INCIDENT (KIENTZLER & HALL), AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON AIRCRAFT TYPE, INCIDENT DATE, INCIDENT LOCATION AND NUMBER OF PILOTS KILLED AND CAPTURED. (REF 10)

10 August 1994

PAGE 55 LINE 41 OF "GROUP 559 RECORD OF AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN" PROBABLY CORRELATES WITH THE REFNO 1982 (KIENTZLER & HALL) INCIDENT, AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON INCIDENT DATE, AIRCRAFT TYPE AND THE STATUS OF THE TWO AIRCREW (ONE CAPTURED/RELEASED AND ONE DEAD). (REF 11)